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Summer 2011

NOT A PRETTY PICTURE

By Robin Montgomery, President

“Every year in the U.S., an estimated 6 to 8 million lost, abandoned, or unwanted dogs and cats enter animal shelters or rescues.” - HSUS

Not a day goes by that my phone doesn't ring from someone needing to relinquish their dog or from someone who has found a stray or knows of an abandoned dog. Lately it has been 3-5 calls a day. The fact that there are so many more dogs in need is a result of five main factors:

1. The new kennel regulations that were recently enacted by the Department of Agriculture caused many backyard breeders and puppy mills to close down glutting the already overburdened rescues and shelters with dogs that needed major rehabilitation and medical care. Although this is a positive and much applauded step that has resulted in fewer dogs living in inhumane conditions, this created a huge drain on space and financial resources for rescues.
 2. The “no-kill” movement: This is when local shelters no longer euthanize dogs to make room for more. Although this is a wonderful concept, it couldn't have come at a worse time (during a recession). Now the dogs that are more difficult to place are kenneled for months and months at a time while dog wardens have no place to go with the strays they pick up. The SPCA and wardens are now telling people to call rescues for help. Slowly but surely we are all running out of room. But sadly, the calls about abandoned dogs keep coming. The abandoned animals are let loose to fend for themselves or just left behind in their home when the family leaves. The consequences of this is hard to imagine and heartbreaking
 3. People acquire companion animals without considering the lifetime commitment that caring for them requires. Eventually, people turn their backs on their loyal companions when they become inconvenient, too expensive or too much work.
 4. Many people fail to spay or neuter their dogs creating enormous numbers of puppies. Going hand in hand with this problem is the fact that people continue to buy animals from irresponsible breeders or pet stores (thereby supporting the puppy mills that supply them) instead of adopting one of the thousands of homeless puppies in shelters or rescues.
 5. The Recession: some people cannot afford their pets any longer or they can't afford their home and have to move to a more affordable place where pets are not allowed. Some of these calls are absolutely heartbreaking. Some dogs are lucky enough to be adopted into loving, responsible, and permanent homes, but there are far more animals in need of a caring family willing to provide them with good, permanent homes. Although some shelters have chosen to be “No/Low-Kill”, approximately 3 to 4 million cats and dogs—many of them healthy, young, and adoptable—must be euthanized in animal shelters every year. That is half the number that enters the shelters.
- I believe we have reached a crisis! Please won't you help us help them by spaying and neutering your own pets or one in need; fostering a dog for us; adopting a dog rather than buying; and/or volunteering for Haven to Home Rescue to help us raise much needed funds and create public awareness. Man's best friend needs your help. You can make a difference!!

HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS

Keeping your dog's teeth clean can help keep your dog healthy. Use a soft toothbrush. A child's toothbrush for small dogs is ideal; an adult size should be used for larger dogs. Use toothpaste formulated especially for pets, available at pet supply stores or your veterinarian's office.

Begin by only brushing the outside surfaces of the teeth. When your pet has adjusted to this, add the inside surfaces between the teeth and tongue.



Some dogs do get into trouble during the summer months. Now that summer is here, families will be enjoying months of outdoor fun. Summer holidays are perfect for barbecues, picnics and pool parties, and families will spend more time outside playing with their pets.

To make the summer more enjoyable, pet owners need to be aware of summertime hazards that can result in injury or illness to your pet. Preventing these hazards can help you and your dog enjoy the carefree days of summer without a trip to the emergency vet clinic.

Here are 4 common summer hazards that you need to protect your dog from:

- **Outdoor threats** - There are many outdoor threats to dogs. Keep your pet leashed when you leave your yard. Taking your pet outdoors increases the likelihood of meeting other animals, so use a leash for your dog's safety and theirs. A fight with another pet or with any wild animal can result in cuts, lacerations or severe punctures. If these wounds are left untreated, complications can result. Dog bites and lacerations from fights are among the most common emergencies I see in our practices. The wounds can be simple to extensive and cost hundreds of dollars to treat. You need to be prepared for this type of emergency. If this type of unplanned expense would be difficult for you, consider pet insurance.
- **Insects** - Flies are more prevalent in the warmer months, and any injury to the skin, even something as small as an abrasion, can be a perfect place for flies to lay eggs. In a short time, these eggs hatch and become maggots. Keeping your pet clean and treating any skin injuries is crucial in avoiding maggot infestations.
- **Antifreeze** - As summer approaches, many people change the antifreeze/water mixture in their vehicles. Antifreeze tastes sweet to pets and is highly toxic.
- **Trash** - Summer heat speeds up decay and decomposition, especially in the trash. Keep your dog away from garbage areas. Pets that have access to garbage or compost can ingest molds that cause significant nervous system abnormalities including severe tremors or seizures. Eating trash can also cause vomiting and diarrhea or pancreatitis from eating spoiled foods.

You never know when something bad is going to happen. Be prepared. Try to minimize hazards and keep your dog safe.

We hope these tips will help keep your dog safe this summer!

A HAVEN TO HOME HAPPY TAIL

SONNY



In February 2010, mere days after losing the family's canine patriarch - Boots the big black Lab - we faced the challenge of deep and debilitating depression on the part of his companion, Lady Jane, a petite yellow Lab mix.

There was only one solution and, despite the fact that grief was consuming all of us - Lady, the five kitties and us humans - our first stop on that rainy Sunday morning was the Haven-to-Home website. While our preference was a small dog, easily handled during one of my fibromyalgia or MS episodes, we kept coming back to a short-coated collie who had been running feral for at least six months on the periphery of a farm

near Turbotville.

Collie, we said. Large, we concurred. A feral history, we mused. Let's call Linda H., we decided, and see if we can arrange a meeting between Homer, as he had been named, and Lady Jane.

Homer had edged his way into the hay piles of the farm's dairy barn during the coldest nights of winter and the caring farm family ended up setting out a blanket in the garage for the collie. However, since their other three dogs did not particularly appreciate Homer, the family was very close to taking him to the SPCA when devoted trainer Mark C. stepped in and, impressed with the dog's inherent potential, requested their approval in trying to find Homer a permanent family through Haven-to-Home. Fortunately, they agreed.

We met Homer on Monday evening at the farm. Although he was nervous, he and Lady connected immediately. Mark was impressed that Homer leaned gently into my legs (even though I was holding my walking cane) in a curved stance that apparently indicates trust. After assuring Homer we would take very good care of him, we signed the required adoption paperwork and prepared for his homecoming several days later (following his neutering surgery).

Within five minutes of arrival at his new home, the two dogs seemed joined at the hip - loping around the dog run like two ponies on a single harness; cuddling in a tangle of intertwined limbs; sharing grooming duties as if they have lived together for one hundred years. Their mutual adoration and respect has continued to escalate to the point that we are often reduced to joyful tears just watching them play, enjoy a snack and sleep within inches of one another. And there was an unexpected bonus; almost immediately, aspects of Lady's personality that had been displaced by her self-motivated service in a caregiver and guide dog capacity to Boots for several years (as his eyesight and mobility decreased) began to blossom once more. She has been rejuvenated and, consequently, given a second chance as well.

Sonny-Boy (his new personality-appropriate name) also loves his five kitties and they vie for the coveted warm spot of his tummy during nap times. And, as for the fibromyalgia and MS episodes? Well, who could have imagined this dog's sensitivity as he tries to find ways of corralling his owner to a comfortable place, sometimes just before a major bout of pain or paralysis swoops in. Paging Dr. Sonny!

It is obvious that Sonny was abused in his early days; he is terrified of many noises, by fast movements and by things with the potential to be used for hurt. We work diligently with him and, thankfully, he is gaining more confidence every day. ~ April and Barry James

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ♦ Saturday, July 23, 11 to 4 pm—Adoption Event at Petco, Bloomsburg
 - ♦ Saturday August 6, 10 to 2 pm—Adoption Event at Tractor Supply, Muncy
 - ♦ Saturday, August 13, 10 to 2 pm—Adoption Event at Brookpark Pet Supply, Lewisburg
 - ♦ Saturday, August 27, 11 to 4 pm—Adoption Event at Petco, Muncy
 - ♦ Saturday, September 10, 11 to 4 pm—Adoption Event at PetSmart, Selinsgrove
 - ♦ Saturday, September 17, 9 to 4 pm—Milton Harvest Festival
 - ♦ Saturday, September 17, 12 to 4 pm—Adoption Event at Petco, Bloomsburg
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LATEST ADOPTIONS

Marcy—Alisha Morin
Sophie Mae—Daisy and Wimouth Elmes
Ike—Jennifer Hollenbach
Ivy—Melissa Gordner
Patches—Thomas Cox, Jr.
Iris—Danielle Miller
Roscoe Ray—Jim Stahl
Dakota—Lisa Hill
Cairo—Jerry and Judi Anselmo
Bella Marie—Lindsay Allen
Zach—Nancy Drumheller
Inkydoo—Kelly Uhland
Jasmine Belle—Tony Wells
Tugger—Susan Boardman
Isabella—Jean Landry
Ruby Begonia—Joyce and Lynn Hudak
Tux—Lily Fitzpatrick
Abbey Rose—Jillian Dotzel
Rianna—Jessica Study
Tess—Sara Swearingen
Diamond—Mary McCreary
Ralphie—Lindsay Zembower
Rachael—Linda Hafer
Ivory—Jennifer White
Jazz—Melissa Dauber
Poncho—Donna Haag
Jinx—Denise Schwartz

Lucky Jill—Stephanie Swallow
Lily Grace—Mary McCreary
CoCo Puff—Lacy Clites
Daphne—Brian Hislip
Kara—Lisa Nowicki
Apache—Sabrina Kirby
Kendra—Gordon Young
Elsa—Lynlee Graffunder
Lilly Violet—Elaine Von Voros
Diddy—Sue Auman
Kaleb—Helen Strutko
Dexter—Harry White
Peita—Agnes Fisher
Flash—Sharon and Jeff Koppel
Taylor—Jeanette Perruso
Rusty—Duane Laylon
Lucky—Gregory Kerstetter
Bear—Tucker Orbison
Kiiro—Rosanna Knight
Cassie Rose—Amelia Shivers
Jacob—Michael Chiarkas and Susan Sayres





Rachel and Amelia

Some enterprising young ladies have been busy this summer in Lewisburg. The girls coordinated two separate yard sales which benefitted Haven to Home. Another group coordinated a lemonade stand. The proceeds from the sales went to Haven to Home and will help cover veterinary costs for the dogs that are rescued.

Rachel and Amelia Henry, Cassie Clark, and Julia Keating held a yard sale at Brookpark Circle next to Brookpark Pet Supply in Lewisburg. Items were donated by their friend, Mariah Lofgren and other donations came from family and friends. Their efforts earned over \$100.00.

Miranda Kuhns and Mariah Wertz planned a yard and bake sale which was held at a home on Turnpike Road in Lewisburg. They donated the total proceeds of \$134.32. This is the 2nd fundraising effort they've planned for Haven to Home. This winter they also held a fundraising event at their school.



Miranda and Mariah

Colleen & Justine Caribardi and Syndney Hoffman, also of Lewisburg, held a lemonade stand in the Brookpark neighborhood and over 2 days earned \$18.88 which they gave to Haven to Home.

Haven to Home volunteers are grateful for the care and generosity demonstrated by these girls and by their families and friends that supported their efforts.



There are 45 cats and dogs for every person born. Only 1 out of 10 dogs born ever get a home. Only 1 out of 12 cats born ever find a home. 800 dogs & cats are KILLED each HOUR in the U.S, because there are not enough homes for them. Americans spend MILLIONS of dollars to round-up, house, feed, euthanize and dispose of homeless pets EACH YEAR! Please spay or neuter your pet!

- courtesy of happypawshappyhomes.org

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN H2H GETS A CALL ABOUT A DOG IN NEED?

H2H is struggling along with every other rescue organization in these difficult times to respond to the rescue, rehab and re-home needs of our canine friends. It is important for everyone supportive of rescue to understand how the process of RESCUING a dog works so we can both educate the public and be proactive in our efforts to help the most needy dogs.

When a call about a dog needing H2H help comes into to our organization the first step in assessing the needs of the situation is to collect information about the PEOPLE involved with the dog. Many of the dogs H2H accepts into rescue are not strays but rather are dogs who must be given up due to family problems which are usually economic, due to change in relationships or death of owner, or due to moving. H2H has limited resources and very limited foster homes so we must evaluate the circumstances that are creating a need for a family to give a dog to us. What has the family done so far to look for a new home? Does the family have any friends or relatives who could help either short-term as a foster home or long-term to become the dog's new family? Can the family keep the dog while we search for a new home? How soon must the dog leave his current family? Does the dog have any aggression behavior problems as H2H rarely accepts a dog with aggression issues or a history of biting. H2H receives calls for 2-3 times as many dogs as we can help which is very sad for the many dogs who need to be rescued. It is important that the public understands our limitations and that we cannot help every dog who needs us.

After the initial telephone contact H2H sends out a volunteer to meet the dog and collect as much information as possible about the dog from the owner and from observations and interactions with the dog itself. The dog evaluation process involves playing, walking, touching, interacting, and observing the dog to determine if H2H feels the dog is adoptable. We are not looking for the perfectly behaved dog but rather for responsive dogs, people-focused dogs, and trainable dogs. We often see dogs at their worst when they are scared but calm and kind human interactions with even fearful dogs can uncover a dog's true potential. We try to determine if our rehab efforts can help the dog become a good family pet.



If we determine that a dog will “come into H2H” then we decide if the dog is to be kept by the current owner or moved into a foster home, in both circumstances a Relinquishing Contract is signed by the owner, assigning responsibility of the dog to H2H. An H2H dog tag is attached to the dog's collar. H2H foster families almost all have family dogs of their own so it is critical that a newly rescued dog be up-to-date on all vaccines before entering a foster home. The actual “rescue” pick up of a dog is often coordinated with a trip to the vet so a dog's health can be evaluated, immunizations given, and any flea or tick infestations taken care of immediately. Then the dog is transported to his or her new foster home. We use all of the information we have about the dog to help him/her make a successful transition into foster care.

The RESCUE process is a thoughtful process which often involves several different H2H volunteers interacting with a new dog and the people relinquishing the dog. There are emergency situations

in which some of these steps are compressed or when dogs must be picked up immediately due to dangerous or neglectful conditions but the majority of our intakes take a few days to a week. If you have any questions about H2H procedures please call 570-374-0330.

PUMPKIN FOR DIARRHEA AND CONSTIPATION

It's quite remarkable that fresh pumpkin cooked and mashed or canned pureed pumpkin (if using canned: **do not use the pie filling variety but the 100% natural canned pumpkin**) can work wonders for both the occasional bout of diarrhea or for the opposite, constipation in dogs. It has been reported that it firms up dog's loose stools or diarrhea within a

few hours. How much pumpkin should you give? It depends on the size of the dog but as a rule of thumb a couple of teaspoons daily for a small dog or a couple of tablespoons for a large dog. You may have to disguise it in your dog's favorite food.

If your dog has chronic diarrhea (Chronic means continuing for a long time,

lingering or persistent) then medical advice should be sought. Always check with your vet if diarrhea is severe or persistent.

Diarrhea can be life threatening.



MEET CRUISE!

If you are looking for a dog that smiles at you when you come home from work, likes to cuddle, loves to play fetch and tug of war, give lots of kisses, enjoys going for walks, going swimming and rides nicely in the car, Cruise is your guy!

Cruise is about 9 months old, UTD with vaccines, housetrained and neu-

tered. He even just lays there when you cut his toenails. Cruise has a beautiful brindle coat and a sweet puppy face. Cruise loves to be around people and will make himself at home by your side very quickly. Cruise really enjoys running and playing with other dogs. He seems to fit into any pack very quickly.

He is all puppy seeing fun and excitement everywhere but he also listens to the people around him and appears bright and eager to please.

Don't let the pit bull name scare you! Cruise will make a great, devoted addition to your family.



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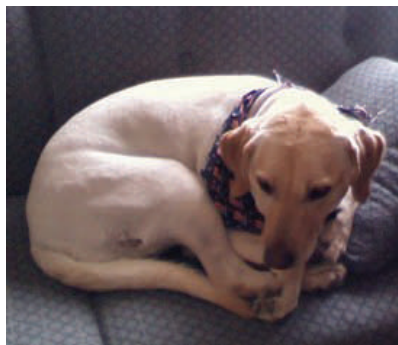
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**COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED FOR
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FOSTER PROFILE~HEATHER MAUSTELLER

One year ago today, July 17th, my family adopted Sadiy (aka Kellie) from Haven to Home Animal Rescue. That day changed our lives. Not only did we adopt a wonderful, sweet dog but we encountered a great group of people. After we adopted Sadiy, I continued to watch the website and saw a notice that foster homes were needed. I told my husband that I was extremely interested in this because I felt the group's mission to rescue dogs, foster them in homes and not shelters was a great idea.

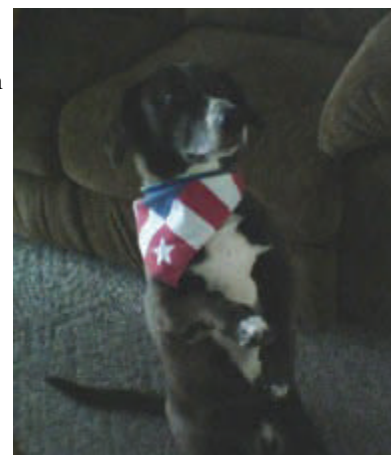


band that I was extremely interested in this because I felt the group's mission to rescue dogs, foster them in homes and not shelters was a great idea.

So in October 2010, we got our first foster dog - a collie mix that was extremely underweight which we were able to help in the short time we had her. We have since fostered approximately 20 dogs/puppies in the 10 months we've been fostering. We prefer to foster the little dogs. We are familiar with small dog issues (shyness, nervousness, house training) and we also enjoy fostering puppies.

Fostering dogs/puppies is so rewarding, to see how a few days in a stable environment/home can turn a scared/abused creature into the most loving companion is wonderful. There have been a few of my fosters that I have considered keeping, like Zach, the tough Chihuahua, Bentley the wild tough guy, and my husband's favorite puppies, Hank & Howie. But all found great new homes and are doing well.

People ask how I do it. I always tell them that fostering takes the support of my whole family - my husband Don, my daughter Kate, our dogs Tyler, Fergie and Sadiy and even our cats Sassy, Tiggy and Billie. If we all didn't work together, we would not be so successful. I'm also



asked how can I let our fosters go and not keep them. I reply that it's not a problem because I get to meet the people that want to adopt my fosters so I know if they are good people. Also, the dog gets to meet the people too. I'm a firm believer that we can't choose our pets, that our pets choose us. Besides, when someone adopts one of my fosters I tell them right up front I do follow up to make sure everyone is doing well and everyone always gives me an update. I also don't think that when a foster is adopted I've 'lost' them. I think that I've gained another dog loving friend out there in the world.



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In less than 3 years Haven to Home Canine Rescue has found forever homes for over 500 dogs. These dogs have come to us for a variety of reasons. Some have been abandoned or neglected, while others were victims of the economy or the death of a beloved owner. No matter the reason, they all had one thing in common: Haven to Home Canine Rescue was able to help them because of the generosity of so many people in the community who were willing to open their hearts and their homes to a dog in need.

Haven to Home Canine Rescue does not have a physical shelter. *We rely on the kindness of people throughout our area to provide love and lodging for these orphaned canines while we search for their forever home.*

Fostering a dog can be a very rewarding experience. Not only do you have a part in saving the lives of dogs, but with each dog, you experience the kind of love only a dog that needs you can give. **There is no expense to you.**

Haven to Home provides:

- ◆ All veterinary care including vaccinations, spaying and neutering, and treatment for any medical conditions a dog may have.
- ◆ Flea & tick & heartworm preventative
- ◆ Food, toys and treats
- ◆ Support to make your fostering experience a happy experience

Before placing a foster dog in your home we meet with you and your family so that we can match the dog's personality and needs to that of your family's. If you are willing to open your heart to a dog in need and would like more information you can **visit our website** www.haventohome.org or you can **contact me @ 570-286-0292.**

Remember to tell your friends and family about us too!



If you give of your life to help animals you know the pain of seeing how many more there are, and the pain of realizing you can't save them all. And you know the joy that comes from helping and saving the ones you can. We've come a long way but there are still so many little faces looking for help and safety to not keep going. Won't you join us today?



Like us on facebook: Haven to Home Canine



2011 QUILT RAFFLE

DONATION: \$2.00 Each or 3 for \$5.00

Drawing To Be Held: October 8, 2011

Tickets are also available for purchase using Paypal by visiting our website at: www.haventohome.org

All proceeds will support our mission

Our mission is to rescue dogs in need, rehabilitate them in a quality, nurturing environment, and re-home them in a loving, responsible, permanent home as soon as possible. We will strive to promote a culture of kindness in our community through networking and education.



1st Prize

Dog Themed Quilt (48" x 47")

Made by Charlotte Greiner, Watsonstown, PA



2nd Prize

Cascading Colors Quilt (36" x 40")

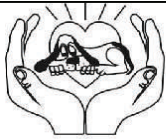
Made by Sharon Koppel, Mifflinburg, PA



3rd Prize

Quilted Wall Hanging Poem (10 1/2" x 13 1/2")

Made by Diane Halkowicz, Lewisburg, PA



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We wish to acknowledge our deep gratitude to one of our fellow animal care organizations for all that they do. Haven to Home thanks SUN P.E.T.S. (Prevent Excess Through Sterilization) for their continued support. For more information about SUN P.E.T.S., please visit their website at **www.sunpets.org**.